

## TWO FLOODS IN ONE DAY AT PEIRCE CITY.

Peirce City suffered from two floods on Thursday. About four o'clock Thursday morning, a heavy downpour raised the creeks out of their banks and the valley was flooded. Again Thursday afternoon, waterways were unable to carry off the heavy rain and the streets were running full of water. Water ran through the Frisco depot. Many pigs and chickens in the low lands were washed away and lost.

### CONDUCTORS LEASE OLD MASONIC HALL.

The local order of Railway Conductors have leased the old Masonic hall in the First National Bank building for a term of three years.

They are placing the room in a first class sanitary condition, and are papering and painting and making it attractive.

At a meeting held this week, C. E. Whitlatch was placed in charge to make prices for rentals and dates.

### HARD WIND STORM

#### HERE THURSDAY

On Thursday afternoon, a strong wind struck Monett and did considerable damage to trees. On Frisco avenue, the storm seemed to be most severe and some large trees were uprooted and many limbs were blown off. During the wind there was a heavy rainfall, flooding the streets and washing gullies in the roadways. Considerable hail fell. Many poultry raisers suffered loss in the drowning of little chicks which failed to reach shelter.

### YOUNG MATRONS CLUB

#### ENTERTAINED

Mrs. Oltie Davis entertained the Young Matrons club at a "little girl" party, Thursday evening at her home, 712 Euclid avenue. The young women dressed as children and played games, danced and enjoyed music. It was not difficult for them to enter into the spirit of the party for not many years have elapsed since their own childhood. Mrs. Davis served a one course luncheon.

Those present were Mrs. Johnnie White, Mrs. Sidney James, Mrs. Gilbert Williams, Mrs. Ralph Saxe, Mrs. Kenneth Guinney, Mrs. Charles Wilhelm, Mrs. Byron Vaughan and Mrs. Oscar Blackshear.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

#### GIVES PARTY

Mrs. Walter Draper and Mrs. Jay Hoover's class of the Presbyterian Sunday school entertained at the home of Miss Martha Davis, Wednesday evening, in honor of Misses Beulah and Viola Ware, Beulah Kennedy and Frances Davis.

The evening was spent in playing games and Misses Virginia Cox and Clarabell Kersey favored the guests with a classical dance. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served.

Those present were Louise Johnston, Cora Fitzjohn, Mary Gene Saxe, Frances Lewis, Marjorie Pfau, Clarabell Kersey, Maxine Musser, Louise Ferguson, Winniver Stone, Martha Ellis, Mary Masoner, Aley Parmalee, Elizabeth Bradford, Alma Russell, Frances Davis, Viola and Beulah Ware Beulah Kennedy, Martha Davis, Lenna Fredrick, Gladys Masoner, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Davis, Mrs. Draper and Mrs. Hoover.

### DAVID AND JONATHAN IN MOVING PICTURES

The first of the course of film classics to be given at the Presbyterian church was shown, Thursday evening. "The film was The Chosen Prince," of the story of David and Jonathan.

The picture was beautiful and the audience was delighted with it. The machine used is portable but a much better machine than most of this class. The pictures were clear and portrayed the Biblical story in eight interesting reels. Mr. Parmalee, son of Dr. Parmalee, operated the machine.

Mr. Stumpf, pastor of the church, is making an effort to sell enough tickets to the course to buy the machine outright for community use.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Erwin returned Friday morning from Kansas City, where they attended the Republican convention. Mrs. Erwin will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Martin for several days. Mr. Erwin returned to Cassville Friday morning.

Mrs. S. O. Elwell, who has been ill, is convalescing.

Mrs. Ed Elwell, of Oklahoma, arrived Saturday night, for a visit with relatives and friends in and near Monett.

Mrs. E. A. O'Dwyer and Mrs. T. J. Dwyer went to Springfield, Friday morning and will attend the funeral of their sister-in-law, Mrs. Tom McKenna, Saturday morning. Mrs. McKenna died at her home at Tulsa, Okla., Tuesday, May 4, and the remains were taken to Springfield Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fritz were in town Wednesday buying goods at the Bradford furniture store.

### BIRTHDAY DINNER

A surprise dinner was served Sunday in honor of the twenty-first birthday of Clinton Hewlett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hewlett, east of town.

Quite a number of friends and relatives gathered at the home and a bountiful dinner was served. Music was furnished by the Crouch and Sperandio boys. The names of those present were Rev. Carlin, Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Baxter, Mrs. A. V. Wilson, Miss Ida Aiden, Mr. Eubanks of Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hewlett, of Verona, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Meador and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Wallen and family, Will Hughes, of Monett, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Allen of Monett, Mr. and Mrs. Moudy, Mr. and Mrs. John Henderson, Mrs. M. Hilton and son, Mr. Sperandio and children, Mr. and Mrs. John Sperandio and children, Gean Fisher, Elbert Crouch and children, Mr. and Mrs. McClelland and daughter Alice, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tate and family, R. Bolton, A. Moudy, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lawson and family, Weaver Crouch, J. Crouch, Mrs. Fischer, Mrs. T. Eagle, Miss Emmeline Arnaud, Master Daniel De Jersey, Earl Lampe, Ray Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Rice and family, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hewlett and family.

Mrs. A. S. Hawkins returned home, Thursday night, from a visit in California and several points in Texas and Oklahoma.

Miss Lucille Holle, of Carthage, visited between trains, Monday morning, with Miss Jessie Ferguson.

### SOUTH PURDY

The hard wind Saturday night did quite a damage in this community.

There was a large crowd gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cleaton Immon, Sunday, and gave them a dinner in honor of Mr. Immon's birthday anniversary. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Ike Immon, Mr. and Mrs. Denver Immon, Marshall Hughey and family, Webster Thomas and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Immon, L. Hughey and family, Mr. and Mrs. Cleaton Immon, Ben Henderson and family, E. Carpenter and family, Arlie and Wilmer Immon, Selma and Ertle Hughey, Oren, Chester and Earskil Henderson, Dora and Ida Carpenter, Jewel, Cecil and Winfred Patton and Luther Marbut.

Miss Selma Hughey was the guest of Mrs. D. W. Thomas Sunday evening, and returned home Monday morning.

Sam Riddle had the misfortune to lose two cows last week.

### MOUNT PLEASANT

Health is good in this community. John Higgs and family were trading in Monett, Monday.

Mrs. Jek Parkerson and children, Luther Russel and family, of Monett, were guests of A. M. McCracken, Sunday.

Lloyd Ash and family, of Fairview visited at Mary Long's, Saturday night and Sunday.

Sunday will be regular meeting day at New Hope.

M. A. McCracken is planning on having a public sale May 15, and selling his live stock.

Mrs. Arthur Strother and daughter, Mildred, were shopping at Purdy, Tuesday.

### SEVERE WIND STORM

#### HITS CARTHAGE DISTRICT

Carthage, Mo., May 6.—Property damage estimated at thousands of dollars was done by a severe wind rain and hail storm which struck Carthage this afternoon. Several buildings were wrecked and telephone service crippled.

Hail that drifted to a depth of three feet in some places swept a path more than a mile wide, a short distance east of here.

### TO A FIVE-DOLLAR BILL

Crinkle, crinkle, little bill: Goodness, gracious, you look ill! Are you losing all your power? You seem weaker every hour.

Now that prices are so high, I'm so tired that I could die. I just circulate all day; No one dares put me away.

When the evening board is set With the fruits of father's sweat, My small voice is hushed and still— I am in the butchers' till.

And no matter where I go, People disregard me so: I don't seem to count for much 'Midst the profiteers and such.

Bill, take heart, your luck may change, I'll admit the times are strange, Though you're weak I love you still— Crinkle, crinkle, little bill.

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### BLUEBEARD SPENT PART OF EARLY LIFE IN DISTRICT

Convicted Bigamist Slayer Worked on Farms at Sarcoxie, Monett, Neosho and Eureka Springs

Los Angeles, Cal., May 11.—James P. Watson, bigamist slayer sentenced to life imprisonment for the killing of one of his wives, today described his early life in the middle west, chiefly in Missouri and Kansas.

He said he was a son of John Gilliam, a farmer supposed to be living now near Paris, Kan. He said he had been christened Joseph but the first name he could remember being called was Dan Holden. He explained his father and mother separated and he took the name of the man his mother later married.

Watson, or Holden, declared he ran away from home when his mother forbade him to go to Sunday school. He worked on farms at Sarcoxie, Monett, Verona, Exeter and Neosho, Mo., and Eureka Springs, Ark.

He told the district attorney he travelled with a medicine show and later obtained a position with a mercantile agency in Chicago. He began a mercantile agency of his own and took the name of his father, John Gilliam. Using this name he was married for the first time he said about 17 years ago to Marie Hillingsworth of Coffeyville, Kan. The marriage was unhappy and they were divorced.

He traveled through Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado, Kansas and Missouri for a St. Louis Stamp and Seal company, marrying Olive Greenlee and then divorcing her. He then married Alice Freeman of St. Louis at Alton, Ill.

### WEST BETHEL

The roads are in bad condition after the rains, and the fences in the low lands were damaged.

Alonso Drake visited at Ed Long's Saturday evening.

C. H. Jackson and family visited at C. C. Drake's, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Cornell called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albion Erickson, Wednesday evening.

We are sorry to hear of the illness of Mrs. J. J. Bertalot. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Orris Erickson who was operated on last Monday at Dr. West's hospital for diseased tonsils and adenoids, is getting along nicely.

A. G. Erickson lost a cow Tuesday. Rev. O. M. Ennis and daughter Lorraine, were shopping in Monett, Saturday.

Rev. Sherman Erickson wife and son attended Mother's Day at Gunter.

Mr. and Mrs. Albion Erickson and son Orris visited in Monett, Saturday afternoon and took supper at J. W. Riddle's.

Singing was well attended at Mt. Pisgah, Sunday night.

Rev. O. M. Ennis wife and daughter attended church at Monett Sunday night.

There was quite a number from near Bethel attended Mother's Day at Kings Prairie, Sunday. Everyone enjoyed themselves. There was a splendid program.

Fern Alexander visited with Lorraine and Ruby Ennis one evening last week.

Marshall Hughey and family visited with Lavinus Hughey's, Sunday.

Sunday May 2.—Sunday school was organized at Bethel. The following officers were elected, superintendent Harlan McCoy; assistant superintendent Albion Erickson; treasurer, Pearl Patton; secretary, Mrs. Albion Erickson; Lee Weber, Mrs. Robert Patton and Albion Erickson, teachers. Every one is cordially invited to come and help. We need you.

### EBENEZER

Sunday school was very well attended.

Ed Crossland and wife visited her sister seven miles northwest of Mount Vernon, Saturday and Sunday.

Jim Harvey attended our school, Sunday.

Porter Suttles, of near Leann, visited his sister, Mrs. McCubbin, staying over Saturday night.

J. T. Sanders was very sick Saturday and Sunday, but is better.

The Liberty singing class is going to attend the county song convention at McDowell, Barry county on Sunday May 16.

J. T. Sanders went to Aurora on business, Saturday.

### GIVE MUSICAL PROGRAM

A group of piano pupils of Harold H. Leake gave a program at the high school in Purdy, Tuesday morning. The student body with a large number visitors filled the auditorium and received each number with enthusiasm.

The party was made up of Frances Davis, Frances Hathaway and Jessie Louise Callaway of Monett; Florine Walton, Virginia and James Leland Beaver, Vera Brown, Daisy Solomon, Henrietta Leake and Helen Daily of Peirce City.

Mrs. Chas. Baker left Sunday morning for Detroit, Mich., as a delegate to the White Shrine.

### W. L. SWARTZEL CLEARED OF CHARGE

W. L. Swartzel was vindicated Monday afternoon by Justice Hobbs on the charge of burglary and larceny made against him by Frisco Special Officer Huft. Mr. Swartzel was arrested by Special Officer Huft on the 3rd of May and charged with breaking into a merchandise car in the east yards and taking several pairs of shoes.

The evidence at the preliminary disclosed that Mr. Swartzel had nothing whatever to do with breaking into the car or the taking of the shoes. This car of merchandise was placed in the yards about 7 o'clock in the morning and at about 5 in the afternoon it was discovered that another merchandise car near this one had been broken open and pilfered, and Mr. Swartzel and Special Officer Huft closed the door and revealed this car. Shortly after this, while Mr. Swartzel was riding a cut of cars, he discovered a gunny sack lying in a coal car, and, knowing that a car had been pilfered, he went to the sack and found that it contained shoes. He took the sack from the coal car and started to report his find to Special Officer Huft. Huft at that time was lying in wait, watching this coal car that had the shoes in it, and when Mr. Swartzel climbed out of the coal car with the shoes to take them and turn them in, he was immediately arrested and taken in charge by Mr. Huft.

Justice Hobbs decided that Mr. Swartzel was doing nothing more than any other loyal and faithful employee of the company would do in turning in his find and reporting what he had discovered to the Special Officer, that the thieves might be apprehended.

Mr. Swartzel, on the day following his arrest, was discharged by the superintendent, because he had picked up the shoes from the coal car, which was claimed to be a violation of a circular issued sometime in February, prohibiting employees from picking up anything they might find around the cars or in the yards, but instructing them to report to the proper officers. It developed, however, that this circular had never been posted at this terminal and none of the employees here had any notice that such a bulletin had been issued until May 5, two days after Mr. Swartzel was arrested.

### SENIOR PLAY IS

#### HUGE SUCCESS

One of the largest crowds to turn out for the school entertainments this week greeted the senior class production, "Contrary Mary" presented last night at the High school auditorium, and their appreciation of the 1920 class was clearly demonstrated in the applause that met almost every turn of the well chosen cast. The characters were at their best throughout the entire drama play. The play had a comedy side also and not a line lacked the force of humor it was supposed to carry. Mrs. Meador, director of the play, was wonderfully successful in her work.

George Bass, taking the part of John Erwin, the devoted young husband with old-fashioned ideas, was the hero of the play, was excellent while Margaret Chapell, playing opposite him as Mary Erwin, made a charming young artist, who, before her marriage to young Mr. Erwin was a noted artist.

The story opened following the marriage of Mary and John Erwin. Before the marriage, Mrs. Erwin was an artist of fame, but laid aside her career for her husband. Following a quarrel, she decides to open a studio, which her husband forbids. Separation ensues; but through the efforts of Murphy, the Irish servant, played by Miss Thelma Shreve, and Warner, John's friend, a rising young attorney, played by Herschel Medlin, a happy reconciliation was brought about. Juno the Swedish janitress, played by Miss Josephine Price, was excellent, and Barbara Drew, played by Miss Lois Wright, who is always borrowing from her friends, Mr. Trowbridge, Mary's father, played by Efton Henderson, Mr. Fairfield-Fairfield Stevens a Fifth Avenue Beau, Arthur Bounous the Drayman, Raymont Lipe and Miss Jones, the dressmaker, played by Miss Georgia Mooney, helped to make the play a huge success.

Henry Voscamp and his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Felwick came to town and went direct for the Bradford furniture store. Mr. and Mrs. Felwick found about \$400 worth of furniture that just suited them. Mr. Voscamp left his check for the furniture and the Bradfords placed it in their home near Freestatt and some more people are happy again.

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### INJURED IN RUNAWAY

W. T. McCormick, of east of town, was badly injured, Monday, when his team ran away. Mr. McCormick was in a wagon, when his team became frightened and ran. The wagon tongue came down and struck the ground, throwing the wagon upward. Mr. McCormick was thrown high in the air and struck on his head and shoulders when he hit the ground. He is badly bruised and the ligaments around his shoulders are strained. Although his injuries are painful and it will take some time to recover from them, there will probably not be any serious results.

### MOVE BATTERY BUSINESS

Solomon & Cunningham, of the Home Garage, have rented the room next the post office building for their battery business. Carl Fredrick will occupy the front of the building with his tire repairing business.

Mrs. George Eckman and son, Paul Richard, returned home Sunday night from a visit with relatives at Verona.

### MYRTLE HIXSON MURDER CASE IS POSTPONED

The case of Myrtle Hixson, charged with murder in the first degree for the killing of her husband, E. H. Hixson, at their home at Miller February 9, 1920, was postponed by agreement when called for trial in the Lawrence county circuit court Monday.

Hixson was shot to death by a revolver in the hands of his wife, four of the bullets taking effect in the man's back as he was attempting to leave the house. The defendant, however, claims that she was forced to shoot her husband in self-defense. She claims that he made an attempt to take her life that she fired after he had threatened her with a razor. The razor was found near Hixson's body after the killing.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cuendet and children, of Kansas City, who have been visiting Mr. Cuendet's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ami Cuendet, returned home Sunday night.

## To the Public

We wish to call your attention to the statement of the financial condition of the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Purdy, herewith annexed, and we ask you to take note that there is no items in this statement that you cannot understand, such as "other resources and other Assets" which are known to the banking fraternity as "fillers" which are commonly used to make totals large. We are proud of our showing and feel grateful to the good people in and around Purdy for their loyal support.

We wish to call your attention to our large cash reserve which should be proof to you that we can take care of your business in a creditable manner.

No. 2204

Statement of the Financial Condition of the

**FARMERS & MERCHANTS BANK**

of Purdy, Mo.

At the close of business May 4, 1920

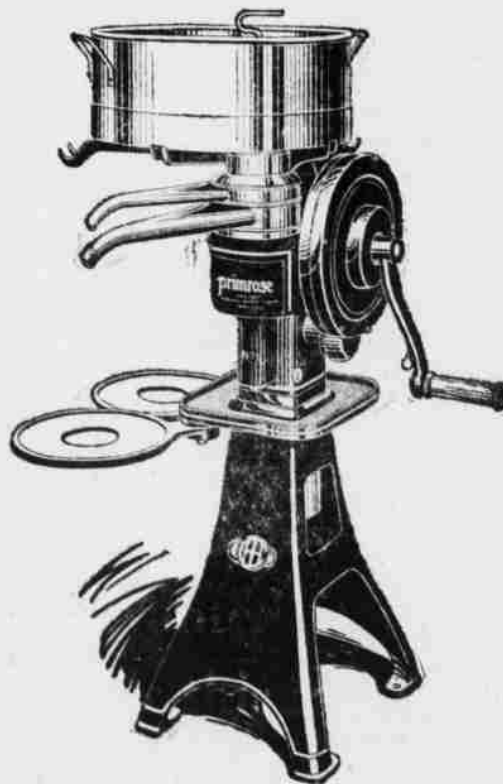
RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts	\$ 65,485.50
Banking House	5,997.27
Fixtures	1,370.45
Overdrafts	25.63
U. S. Bonds	4,550.00
Cash and Sight Exchange	32,444.40
Revenue Stamps	50.00
Total	\$109,923.25
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Undivided Profit, Net	443.36
Deposits	84,442.19
Cashiers' Checks	57.70
Total	\$109,923.25

The above statement is correct.

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